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This summary presents results of a July 1984 survey of occupational wages in the Yakima-Richland-Kennewick-Pendleton area, which consists of Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties, Wash.; and Umatilla County, Oreg. This is 1 of 92 areas which the Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in 71 other areas throughout the United States. For information on these reports and other Bureau publications, contact any BLS regional office identified on the back page.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 82 establishments employing 28,706 workers was selected to represent 264 establishments employing 44,936 workers in the area. (See table 2 for further information on the scope of the survey.) Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Table 1 provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries. Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request.

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Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in Yakima-Richland-Kennewick-Pendleton, Wash.-Oreg., July 1984

Occupation	Number of workers			Hourly earnings (all workers)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																				
	All[2]	Men	Women	Mean	Median	Middle range	Under 3.80	3.80 and under 4.20	4.20 – 4.60	4.60 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.40	5.40 – 5.80	5.80 – 6.20	6.20 – 6.60	6.60 – 7.00	7.00 – 7.80	7.80 – 8.60	8.60 – 9.40	9.40 – 10.20	10.20 – 11.00	11.00 – 11.80	11.80 – 12.60	12.60 – 13.40	13.40 – 14.20	14.20 – 15.00	15.00 and over
Secretaries	455	-	455	9.64	9.68	8.49–10.33	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	6	24	101	63	61	99	48	33	10	1	-	-
Secretaries II	153	-	153	9.26	8.68	8.49– 9.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	58	34	23	3	28	-	-	-	-	-
Secretaries III	176	-	176	10.37	10.26	10.23–10.91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	18	15	9	92	8	22	10	-	-	-
Secretaries IV	43	-	43	10.23	11.28	8.91–11.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	2	5	1	3	12	11	-	1	-	-
Typists	32	-	32	6.40	6.50	5.92– 6.76	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	11	9	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists I	13	-	13	5.94	5.92	- -	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists II	19	-	19	6.72	6.76	6.50– 6.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	9	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operators	9	-	9	6.90	6.95	- -	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators	42	-	41	8.46	8.52	6.58–10.04	-	-	1	-	3	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators II	14	-	13	8.21	7.53	- -	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	6	4	1	17	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Computer operators	31	5	26	8.74	8.66	7.41– 9.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	4	2	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Computer operators II	23	-	23	8.59	9.03	7.75– 9.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	4	6	7	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
Drafters	97	57	12	9.22	9.16	7.86–10.75	-	-	-	-	1	6	4	2	1	8	12	19	17	3	9	8	6	-	1	-
Drafters III	31	19	8	7.70	8.06	5.94– 8.74	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	1	-	3	4	11	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters IV	26	14	3	9.29	8.82	8.32–10.47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	8	6	2	1	3	2	1	-	-	-
Drafters V	32	17	-	11.09	11.14	9.62–12.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	1	6	6	5	-	1	-
Electronics technicians	282	136	3	14.59	15.19	14.75–15.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	8	1	-	6	1	35	53	[3]173
Electronics technicians I	12	6	-	11.02	11.99	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	1	-
Electronics technicians II	128	80	-	14.31	14.75	13.90–15.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	32	45	42
Electronics technicians III	142	50	3	15.15	15.19	15.16–15.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	131
Maintenance carpenters	37	23	-	13.95	14.26	14.26–14.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	33	-
Maintenance electricians	271	203	1	14.12	14.75	14.63–15.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	27	4	8	8	1	125	[4]89
Maintenance painters	23	10	-	13.99	13.82	13.82–13.82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	17	-	[5]5
Maintenance machinists	52	48	1	11.23	10.10	10.00–12.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	18	5	1	6	4	3	6	-
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	388	341	3	12.86	14.54	10.40–14.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	43	77	6	22	-	-	180	[4]43
Maintenance pipefitters	263	170	-	14.62	14.54	14.54–14.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	241	21
Motor vehicle mechanics	144	101	-	11.36	10.50	9.60–14.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	7	23	20	30	-	8	6	29	17	-
General maintenance workers	52	52	-	7.36	7.88	6.20– 7.90	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	19	-	1	21	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stationary engineers	98	52	-	11.95	12.24	12.24–12.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	10	1	63	12	4	-	-
Truckdrivers	348	254	-	9.59	8.65	8.28–11.30	-	-	-	-	2	-	17	8	12	12	119	10	7	17	70	74	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, heavy truck	44	44	-	8.59	8.05	7.64– 8.05	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	1	12	15	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer	225	181	-	9.45	8.50	8.50–11.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	6	11	-	93	9	-	4	24	63	-	-	-	-
Heavy equipment operators	44	29	-	11.03	9.95	9.65–12.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	19	-	-	-	15	-	4	-
Material handling laborers	296	295	1	7.10	7.16	5.43– 8.36	-	-	-	-	-	80	-	30	4	86	60	20	12	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
Forklift operators	481	419	62	8.05	7.25	6.47– 9.50	-	-	-	-	-	4	80	37	68	84	42	25	32	94	-	15	-	-	-	-
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Guards I	42	41	1	8.23	8.00	7.79–10.18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors, porters, and cleaners	315	132	67	6.95	6.76	4.96– 9.45	29	10	14	26	36	17	12	12	19	8	12	2	105	12	1	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Incentive payments, such as those resulting from piecework, production bonuses, and commission systems, are included in the wages reported; nonproduction bonuses are excluded. Cost-of-living allowances are considered as part of the workers' regular pay. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more and one-half receive the same as or less than the rate shown. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate.

[2] May include data for workers not identified by sex. Similarly, for occupations with more than one level, data are included in the overall classification when a subclassification is not shown or information to subclassify is not available.

[3] Workers were distributed as follows: 171 at $15.00 to $15.80; and 2 at $15.80 to $16.60.

[4] All workers were at $15.00 to $15.80.

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Table 2. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in Yakima-Richland-Kennewick-Pendleton, Wash.-Oreg.,[1] July 1984

Industry division[2]	Minimum employment in establishments in scope of survey	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments		
		Within scope of survey[3]	Studied	Within scope of survey[4]		Studied
				Number	Percent	
All divisions	50	264	82	44,936	100	28,708
Manufacturing	50	80	27	21,264	47	15,727
Nonmanufacturing[5]	50	184	55	23,672	53	12,979

[1] The Yakima-Richland-Kennewick-Pendleton area consists of Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties, Wash.; and Umatilla County, Oreg. The "workers within scope of survey" estimates shown in this table provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. The estimates are not intended, however, to serve as a basis of comparison with other statistical series for the area to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires the use of establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the payroll period studied, and (2) small establishments are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[2] The 1972 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual was used in classifying establishments by industry division.

[3] Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum limitation. All outlets of companies in such industries as trade, finance, auto repair service, and motion picture theaters (within a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area or nonmetropolitan county) are considered as one establishment.

[4] Includes all workers in all establishments with total employment (within the area) at or above the minimum limitation.

[5] Includes transportation, communication, and other public utilities (excluding taxicabs and services incidental to water transportation); wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; hotels and other lodging places; laundries and other personal services; automobile repair, rental, and parking; motion pictures; nonprofit membership organizations (excluding religious and charitable organizations); engineering and architectural services; and miscellaneous business services. Major industries excluded from this survey are agriculture; mining; construction; some services (notably educational institutions and medical services); and government operations.

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